

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Patentee : Dennis M. Smid et al.  
Application to  
Reissue Patent No. : 6,012,255  
Issued : January 11, 2000  
For : **CONSTRUCTION BOARD HAVING A NUMBER OF  
MARKS FOR FACILITATING THE  
INSTALLATION THEREOF AND A METHOD FOR  
FABRICATING SUCH CONSTRUCTION BOARD**

**DECLARATION OF DENNIS M. SMID AND RICHARD PALMESINO**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
2. I verily believe myself to be an original, first and joint inventor of the invention described and claimed in Letters Patent No. 6,012,255 and in the specification filed herewith for which I solicit a patent.
3. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aforementioned specification, including the claims.
4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).
5. I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in

the United States of America before my invention thereof.

6. I verily believe the original Letters Patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of my claiming more or less than I had a right to claim in the patent at least in that I did not claim "A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in substantially parallel lines having a distance therebetween which is substantially the same and different from a distance between an edge of the respective one side and the parallel line nearest thereto and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines."

7. I did not discover that the claims of the original patent claimed more or less than I had a right to claim until after the original patent was issued.

8. No claims were previously presented during prosecution of the above referenced issued patent that particularly claimed the panel described in paragraph 6.

9. All errors being corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on my part.

10. New claims 22-28 submitted with this application particularly point out subject matter which I considered my invention and round out the scope of protection to which I am entitled. By the omission of such claims the original patent claims more or less than I had a right to claim.

I hereby appoint Dennis M. Smid, Registration No. 34,930, of Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP or their duly appointed associate(s), my attorneys, with full power of substitution

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and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to file continuation and divisional applications thereof, to receive the Patent, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and in the Courts in connection therewith, and specify that all communications about the application are to be directed to the following address:

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Wherefore I pray that I may be allowed to surrender the Letters Patent No. 6,012,255 granted January 1, 2000, whereof I am an owner, and that Letters Patent may be reissued to me for the same invention upon the attached specification.

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I, the undersigned applicant, further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention, entitled **A CONSTRUCTION BOARD HAVING A NUMBER OF MARKS FOR FACILITATING THE INSTALLATION THEREOF AND A METHOD FOR FABRICATING SUCH CONSTRUCTION BOARDS** described in application Serial No. \_\_, filed herewith.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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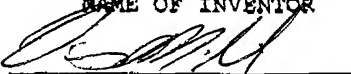
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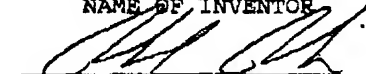
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